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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Election/Restriction Requirement, to be filed in the above-identified patent application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This responds to the March 2, 2005 Office Action in the above-identified application. A response is due on or before April 2, 2005, which falls on a Saturday. Pursuant to C.F.R. §1.7(a), applicants may submit this response on the next business day. Thus, this response is timely filed.

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.